

17. (currently amended) The method of Claim 8 16 further including the step of:
releasably connecting the lancet to the outer shaft.
18. (previously presented) The method of Claim 8 further including the step of:
releasably connecting an end cap to the housing.
19. (currently amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein the member is
selectively held in the armed position or released from the armed position by a
switch, such switch is selectively engaging or disengaging a member, the
member is being held in the armed position and the lancet is in the withdrawn
position when the switch engages the member and the member and lancet
being free to move from the armed and withdrawn positions when the switch
is disengaged from the member.
20. (cancelled)
21. (currently amended) The method of Claim 8 wherein the step of position
either the member or the permanent magnetic element to an armed position
wherein the magnetic forces from the permanent magnetic element affecting
the member involves moving an arming member which mechanically moves
~~the~~ a collar from the steady state position to the armed position.
22. (previously presented) The method of Claim 21 further including the step of:
holding the arming member to the housing by at least one spring.

Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider this response to be
in compliance with the October 19, 2006 notice.

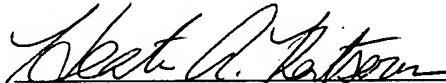
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Respectfully submitted,

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